

SUMMER READING 2021

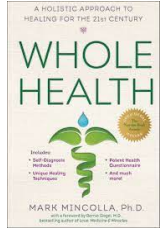
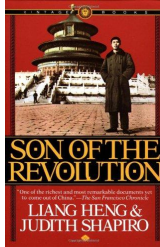

For both students and staff, reading is an integral part of the FHS community.

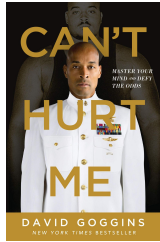
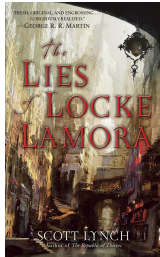
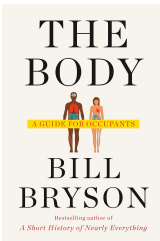
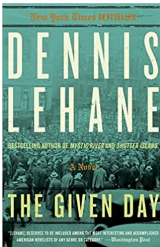
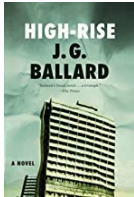
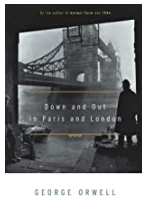
Faculty have shared what they will be reading this summer. We invite you to read one or more of the titles listed below.





Some teachers may choose to host an informal and optional book discussion this fall. Watch for announcements regarding the possibility of these meetings.

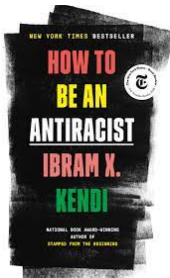
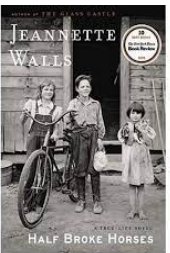
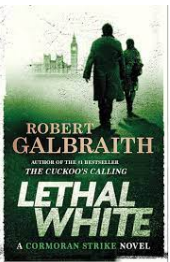
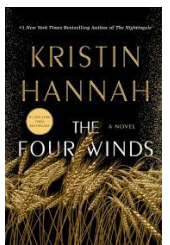

Please note: These titles are meant to appeal to a wide range of readers. Students and families may find that some of the titles listed are more suitable than others.

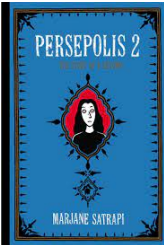
Reach out to Danielle Erle at erled@franklinps.net with any questions or for other book recommendations.

Teacher Pick	Book Title & Description	
Ms. Smith	<i>Whole Health: A Holistic Approach to Healing for the 21st Century</i> by Mark Mincolla An award winning title, <i>Whole Health</i> details Dr. Mark Mincolla's decades long study of the mind-body connection. Dr. Mincolla approaches health with a holistic mindset: emphasizing elements of classical Chinese medicine, personalized nutrition, and spiritual balance.	
Mr. Walsh	<i>Son of the Revolution</i> by Liang Heng An autobiography, this title details the childhood and adolescence of a young Chinese man growing up in Mao's China during the Cultural Revolution. Set during a time of political and social turmoil, <i>Son of the Revolution</i> provides a first-hand account of Chinese life; aspects of which were previously unknown.	
Mx. Bailer	<i>The House on the Cerulean Sea</i> by TJ Klune An ideal read for lovers of young adult fiction, this contemporary fantasy tells the story of Linus Baker. Linus, a case worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, is given an unusual assignment: travel to an enchanted island, visit an orphanage with six dangerous children, and ultimately determine their fate. Most unexpected are the bonds Linus develops with the island's inhabitants.	

Mr. Lubin	<p><i>Can't Hurt Me</i> by David Goggins</p> <p>Self discipline, mental toughness, and hard work are the three qualities to David Goggins' success. Setting records as the only man to complete training as a Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller, Goggins shares his story of resilience in the face of adversity. In his book, Goggins lays out his strategies for helping readers reach their full potential.</p>	
Ms. Spencer	<p><i>The Lies of Locke Lamora</i> by Scott Lynch</p> <p>The first in a series of books, <i>The Lies of Locke Lamora</i> elevates fantasy to a new level. Combining adventure and mystery, Scott Lynch crafts a world called Camorr. An island city riddled with danger, Camorr is home to Locke Lamora; an orphan who is no stranger to taking what he needs to survive. When faced with his enemies, Locke must use his wit and cunning to defeat the deadly coup.</p>	
Mr. Enos	<p><i>The Body</i> by Bill Bryson</p> <p>Accessible and funny, <i>The Body</i> is much more than a book of facts. Similar in style to his other works, Bryson leads the reader into a deeper understanding of how the human body can heal itself and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail. Combining wit and analysis, <i>The Body</i> is an interesting read for those wanting to know more about the history of human biology.</p>	
Mr. Penza	<p><i>The Given Day</i> by Dennis Lehane</p> <p>From the author of <i>Mystic River</i> and <i>Gone Baby Gone</i>, <i>The Given Day</i> is a novel set in Boston at the end of World War I. Lahane explores the crippling violence that impacts the lives of two families. Political and social unrest frame the struggles the two families experience; made worse by a country still at war with itself. At once historical fiction and suspense, <i>The Given Day</i> will leave readers in awe.</p>	
Mr. Corbman	<p><i>High-Rise</i> by JG Ballard</p> <p>When a class war erupts inside a luxurious apartment block, modern elevators become violent battlegrounds and cocktail parties degenerate into marauding attacks on “enemy” floors. In this visionary tale, human society slips into violent reverse as once-peaceful residents, driven by primal urges, re-create a world ruled by the laws of the jungle.</p> <p><i>Down and Out in Paris and London</i> by George Orwell</p> <p>This unusual fictional memoir - in good part autobiographical - narrates without</p>	<div>   </div>

	<p>self-pity and often with humor the adventures of a penniless British writer among the down-and-outs of two great cities. The Parisian episode is fascinating for its exposure of the kitchens of posh French restaurants, where the narrator works at the bottom of the culinary echelon as dishwasher, or plongeur. In London, while waiting for a job, he experiences the world of tramps, street people, and free lodging houses. In the tales of both cities we learn some sobering Orwellian truths about poverty and of society.</p> <p><i>Burmese Days</i> by George Orwell Set in the days of the Empire, with the British ruling in Burma, Orwell's book describes corruption and imperial bigotry. Flory, a white timber merchant, befriends Dr Veraswami, a black enthusiast for the Empire, whose downfall can only be prevented by membership at an all-white club.</p>	
Mr. Menard	<p><i>Humankind: A Hopeful History</i> by Rutger Bregman Providing a new perspective on the past 200,000 years of human history, Rutger Bregman sets out to prove that human beings are innately kind. <i>Humankind</i> argues that Western culture's deep rooted belief that humanity is naturally selfish couldn't be further from the truth. Readers are asked to consider what positive changes could happen in society if the perspective is shifted. Bregman will leave his readers feeling optimistic about a future where kindness is at the forefront.</p>	
Mrs. Erle	<p><i>American Dirt</i> by Jeanine Cummins In this book, author Jeanine Cummins crafts a novel about the ordeal of a Mexican woman who has to leave behind her life and escape as an undocumented immigrant to the United States with her son. Once a successful book store owner, Lydia and her family must flee from the danger of the drug cartels. Finding herself miles away from the life she knows, Lydia must learn how to survive in the face of adversity.</p>	
Mr. O'Brien	<p><i>Dune</i> by Frank Herbert The first in a series of six, <i>Dune</i> is the story of Paul Atreides. Heir to a noble family on the desert planet of Arrakis, Paul is tasked with ruling a nation in turmoil. Faced with the ultimate demise of his family, Paul must evolve into a man capable of protecting the "spice": a drug meant to extend life and enhance consciousness. A coveted asset to Arrakis, Paul must defend the "spice" from those willing to kill for it.</p>	

Mr. O'Donoghue	<p><i>How to be an Antiracist</i> by Ibram X. Kendi</p> <p>Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and re-energizes the conversation about racism—and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. In <i>How to Be an Antiracist</i>, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.</p>	
Mrs. Whipple	<p><i>Half Broke Horses: A True Life Novel</i> by Jeannette Walls</p> <p>From the author of <i>The Glass Castles</i>, <i>Half Broke Horses</i> is a compelling biography of Walls' tenacious grandmother, Lily Casey Smith. Skilled at breaking horses by the age of six, Smith lived a life fueled by courage and persistence. Smith faced tragedy head on: from tornados, the <i>Great Depression</i>, and chronic prejudice. Walls honors her grandmother's legacy in this artfully written book.</p>	
Mr. McCarthy	<p><i>Lethal White</i> by Robert Galbraith</p> <p>A crime thriller, <i>Lethal White</i> is the fourth installment of the Cormoran Strike story. In this novel, private investigator Strike sets out to uncover a crime whose witness is unstable. Galbraith takes the reader down the back alleys of London and through the inner sanctum of Parliament; eventually leading to the place where Strike's personal and private life converge with troubling consequences.</p>	
Ms. MacLean	<p><i>The Four Winds</i> by Kristen Hannah</p> <p>A historical fiction, <i>The Four Winds</i> chronicles the life of Elsa Martinelli. Faced with the hardships of both the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, Elsa is torn between fighting for the Texas home she loves and moving to California for a better life. The American Dream told through the eyes of a woman in the 1930s will leave an indelible impression on the reader.</p>	
Ms. Cullinan	<p><i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</i> by Heather Morris</p> <p>Based on true events, <i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</i> tells the story of Lale Sokolov; a Slovakian- Jewish prisoner. Able to speak and write many languages, Lale quickly becomes an asset to his captors. Lale is forced to tattoo numbers onto the arms of his fellow prisoners. On one particular day, Lale meets and tattoos a woman who he vows to someday marry. Risking his very life, Lale uses his privileged position to survive the horrors of the concentration camps.</p>	

Ms. Laquinta	<p><i>Persepolis II</i> by Marjane Satrapi</p> <p>As funny and poignant as its predecessor, <i>Persepolis 2</i> is another clear-eyed and searing condemnation of the human cost of fundamentalism. In its depiction of the struggles of growing up--here compounded by Marjane's status as an outsider both abroad and at home--it is raw, honest, and incredibly illuminating. Finding that she misses her home more than she can stand, Marjane returns to Iran after graduation. Her difficult homecoming forces her to confront the changes both she and her country have undergone. The repression and state-sanctioned chauvinism eventually lead her to question whether she can have a future in Iran.</p> <p>*reading the first <i>Persepolis</i> would help to give context</p>	
Dr. Kellett	<p><i>Just Mercy</i> by Bryan Stevenson</p> <p>An impactful and moving true story, <i>Just Mercy</i> details the life and career of lawyer Bryce Stevenson and his work with the Equal Justice Initiative. Holding the belief that mercy can be redemptive, Stevenson founded the nonprofit initiative to defend the poor, incarcerated, and wrongly accused. Stevenson exposes how the justice system in America treats the rich and guilty better than the poor and innocent.</p>	